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Title: Need to introduce D.M.U. rail service from Madurai to adjoining towns in Tamil Nadu. − Laid.

SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI) : Madurai is the second big city in Tamil Nadu next to Chennai. This is the District Headquarters and an ancient tourist centre. That apart, many small-scale industrial units are also functioning here.

For all the day-to-day needs of the people of Madurai, essential commodities such as vegetables, grains, fruits, milk, oil, fast food items etc., are being brought from towns situated around Madurai.

Many vendors and office-goers are commuting daily between Madurai-Dindigul; Madurai-Rajapalayam; Madurai-Kovilpatti; Madurai-Manamadurai; and Madurai-Bodinaickanur with season tickets.

For their regular trips which are mostly during the day time, the present train services and their frequency to these places are quite inadequte.

Therefore, Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) trains otherwise called Push Pull Train Service from Madurai to Dindigul, Rajapalayam, Kovilpatti, Manamadurai, and Bodinaickanur may please be introduced. This system is certain to boost the revenue of the Railways. At present, such DMU service is being operated successfully, keeping Tiruchirapalli as centre. Madurai needs such DMU service.

I request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to order early introduction of DMU service as suggested.

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